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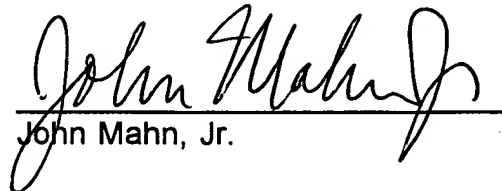
**DECLARATION OF JOHN MAHN, JR.**

"I, John Mahn, Jr., state that I am inventor of the invention claimed in the pending application. I am also the inventor of U.S. Patent 5,411,783. I have reviewed this reference, specifically the portions referenced by the Examiner in the Office Action dated 11-25-96, i.e., Column 3, lines 59-65, and Column 3, lines 45-53. This patent does not in any way show a heat-activated transfer that has cut lines that extend through a heat-activated adhesive layer and an indicia layer, but not through a support layer.

The heat activated transfer shown in Fig. 3 is attached hereto. This is a letter on a letter. Fig. 1 of the cited references is the same without the upper green letter. As these were originally made, if they were formed on a support sheet, the support sheet was attached to the thermoplastic adhesive and the support sheet was separated from the heat-activated transfer before it was applied to the cloth substrate. This product was not produced using a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer.

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